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Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008
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Standoff resolved

Confrontation with landlord resulted in four-hour standoff; one arrested

Riverside, CA -- A 49-year-old Riverside man is under arrest following a four and a half hour standoff Wednesday morning, November 19, 2008, which began when the man attacked his neighbor / landlord at home for no apparent reason.

Riverside Police responded to a residence in the 5100-block of La Sierra Avenue, near its intersection with Norwood Avenue, shortly after 5:15 a.m., to a disturbance. The subject, who rents a small trailer in the backyard of the residence, came into his landlord's home and caused some damage. The subject displayed a knife during a subsequent confrontation and physical fight. The landlord was able to back away and call police. The victim was not injured. The suspect retreated to the trailer.

Patrol officers and SWAT team members established a perimeter and attempted to contact the subject, who did not acknowledge officers for several hours. A pepper gas canister was utilized to facilitate the suspect's surrender without incident at 10:45 a.m. A knife was recovered inside the trailer.

Suspect Bobby Clint PANKRATZ, 49, was transported to the Riverside County Emergency Treatment Services (ETS) facility for evaluation prior to booking for assault with a deadly weapon.

La Sierra Avenue, closed to eastbound traffic between Gramercy Place and Norwood Avenue during the incident, was reopened to through traffic at 11:22 a.m.

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